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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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RESERVATION FOR THE ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted a Commission for fixing reservation criteria for the economically backward classes which are not enjoying the benefits of reservation at present ;

(b) if so, the nature of constitution of the said Commission alongwith the terms of reference thereof;

(c) whether the Commission has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the Commission; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b): The Government has constituted a Commission consisting of a Chairperson, a Member and a Member Secretary to consider the proposal for reservation for the economically Backward Classes not covered by the existing reservation policy. The terms of references of the Commission are:

(i) to elicit the views of State Governments/ UTs and other Commissions on the subject;

(ii) to suggest criteria for identification of economically backward classes;

(iii) to recommend the welfare measures and quantum of reservation in education and Government Employment in consultation with the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities;

(iv) to suggest the necessary constitutional, legal and administrative modalities as required for the implementation of their recommendations.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.